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Department of Health Confirms First Death Related to COVID-19 on St. John

St. Croix, US Virgin Islands — After further investigating cause of death and ensuring notification of next of kin, the Virgin Islands Department of Health is saddened to confirm the territory's sixteenth death related to COVID-19. The deceased is a 59-year old male on St. John.

The department continues to work with other agencies in taking unprecedented actions to slow the spread of COVID-19. You should continue to follow these precautionary measures: stay at home, practice social distancing, wear a mask when in company of others outside of those in your household, clean frequently used areas thoroughly, and wash your hands often with soap and warm water.

To report a suspected case of COVID-19, please call (340) 712-6299 or (340) 776-1519. If you have a medical emergency, call 911. For more information, visit <u>covid19usvi.com</u>. For COVID-19 updates, text COVID19USVI to 888777.